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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1317

April 27, 2021

The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Chairman, Committee on
Transportation & Infrastructure
2251 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member, Committee on
Transportation & Infrastructure
2164 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves,

I am requesting funding for the Greater Downtown Master Plan Phase 4A in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the City of East Moline and the project is located at 7th Street from 15th Avenue - 12th Avenue and 15th Avenue from 7th Street - 10th Street, East Moline, Illinois, 61244.

The funding is designated for upgrading and enhancing the movability and aesthetic appeal of the downtown area while connecting the downtown areas with a previously blighted, but newly redeveloped, properties including parks, outdoor concert venues, outdoor dining and gathering spaces and businesses. The project will include upgrades to sidewalks, roads, parking, stormwater best management practices and way finding, as well as new stormwater management systems, sidewalks and way finding signage. The project will also encourage walking and biking and other modes of transportation to support cleaner air and stormwater quality.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: enhancing environmental justice through safe connections between various levels of socio-economic, minority, and ethnic groups and neighborhoods in support of undeserved communities; improving safety and navigability of streets, sidewalks and other modes of transportation; and encouraging business development in the downtown area of East Moline.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Respectfully,

Cheri Bustos

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Member of Congress
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